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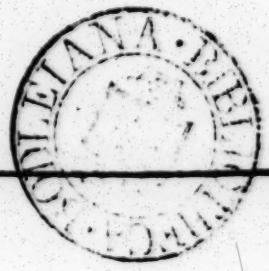

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The Memorial delivered to the States General, *by the Count* d'AVAUX.

THe Proceedings of the King my Maſter ever ſince the Death of the King of *Spain*, have manifeſted the Sincere Deſire which his Majeſty hath of preſerving the publick Repoſe, and of keeping up a perfect Amity

Memoire preſente aux E. Gen. par le Comte *d' AVAUX.*

LEs Demarches du Roy depuis la mort du Roy d'Eſpagne, ont fait connoitre le veritable deſir que Sa Majeſté a de conſerver le repos public, & d'Entretenir une parfaitte intelligence avec Mſrs. les Etats Generaux. S'ils ont eſté alarmez de la re-

ty with my Lords the *States General.* If they have been alarm'd at the Reſolution which he has taken of accepting the Will of that Prince, his Majeſty upon enquiring into the Grounds of their fear, has forgot nothing that might remove it. He has inform'd them, as his Allies, of the juſt Reaſons he had of looking upon the laſt Will of his late *Catholick Maj.* as the foundation of the peace of *Europe.* The Strongeſt Aſſurances of his Affection for them have been added to the Declaration he has given them of his Intentions

reſolution qu' elle a pre d accepter le testament de ce Prince; Sa Majeſte examinant les motifs de leur crainte, n'a rien oublié pour la diſſiper. Elle les à informé comme ſes alliez des juſtes raiſons qu'elle avoit de conſiderer les dernieres diſpoſitions du feu Roy Catolique comme le fondement de lapaix de l'Europe. Les plus fortes aſſurances de ſon affection pour eux, ont eſté jointes al'explication qu'elle leur a donne de ſes intentions; mais ces meſmes aſſurances renouvellees en toute, occaſions, n'ont pu vaincre le ſilence de Meſſieur Etats Generaux n' determiner a repondr

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tentions : But theſe very Aſſurances tho' renew'd upon all occaſions, have not been able to overcome the Silence of my Lords the States General, nor to prevail upon them to return an Anſwer to the Letter which his Majeſty wrote to them, to acquaint them of the King his Grandſon's Acceſſion to the Crown of *Spain*.

It is needleſs to remind them of the firſt Demand they made to his moſt *Chriſtian Majeſty*. In ſhort, his patience has been ſo great as to let them ſay and believe, that the Condition of his Forces would not permit him to begin a New War. His

lettre que Sa Majeſté leur avoit eſcrite pour leur donner part de l'avenement du Roy ſon petit fils au Throne d'Eſpagne.

Il eſt inutile de rapeller la Primiere Demande qu'ils ont faitte a Sa Majeſté. Enfin ſa patience a eſté juſques aupoint de faire dire & de laiſſer croire que l'eſtat de ſes forces, ne luy permettoit pas de Commencer une nouvelle guerre. Sa Majeſté uniquement occupée du Soin de la prevenir n'apas eſté detournée de ce meſme ſoin par de tels diſcours ; & ſon attention continuelle au maintien de la paix, luy a fait recevoir encore avec plaiſir, les deux derniers memoires remis a Sa Majeſté au nom de la Republique.

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His Majesty, wholly taken up with the Care of preventing it, has not been diverted from this his Care by such Discourses: And his constant desire of maintaining the Peace, has inclin'd him graciously to receive the two Last Memorials, sent to his Majesty in the name of the *Republick*. And whereas these Memorials have given him hopes that the *States General* would effectually agree with him about the Methods of Securing their Repose, he has dispatch'd the Count *D'avaux* to hear at the *Hague* the Proposals they shall make to him.

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Comme ils luy donnoient lieu de croire que Mſrs. les Etats Generaux vouloient effectivement convenir avec elle des Moyens d'aſſurer leur repos, Elle a fait partir le Comte d'Avaux pour ecouter a la Haye les propoſitions qu'ils auroient a luy faire.

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But tho' the King has quietly taken notice of the extreme Jealouſy which the Government of the United Provinces have openly ſhew'd of the ſincerity of his Majeſties Intentions; He cannot tell how to diſapprove of the Jealouſie which the Catholick King has of Them, being ſo reaſonably founded on their Conduct ever ſince his Acceſſion to the Spaniſh Crown. The Memorials of his Ambaſſador, and the Letter of that Prince remaining without an Anſwer, the Conſtant Refuſal of the States General to own him as King of *Spain*, and this

Mais en meſme Temps que le Roy a veu tranquilement l' extreme defiance que le gouvernement de Provinces unies a fait ouvertement paroitre des ſinceres intentions de ſa Majeſté, elle n'a pu de ſaprouver celle du Roy Catolique juſtement fondé ſur le Conduit qu'ils ont tenue depuis ſon avennement a la Couronne d' Eſpagne. Les memoires de ſon Ambaſſadeur & la lettre de ce Prince demeurez ſans reſponſe, le refus Conſtant des Eſtats Genaraux de le reconnoietre en qualité de Roy d' Eſpagne, Cette reſolution Marquée juſques dans les moindres occaſions dont le detail ſeroit inutile, ne pou

this Reſolution ſhewn, upon even the leaſt occaſions (the particulars of which 'tis needleſs to repeat) can never Eſtabliſh a [mutual] Confidence.

The Prudence and Wiſdom of their Government does hardly allow any Credit to be given to the Reports that are ſpread abroad of a Project on foot of offering to Acknowledge that Prince, upon Condition that he diſmembring the *Low Countries* from the Monarchy of *Spain*, wou'd yield them up to the Arch-Duke *Charles*. There is little likelihood that they ſhou'd imagine that the King of

voient etablir la Confiance.

La ſageſſe de leur gouvernement permet difficilement d'ajouter foy aux bruits répandus d'un projet formé d'offrir au Prince de le reconnoitre, a condition que ſeperant les pays bas de la Monarchie d'Eſpagne il les cederoit a l'Archiduc Charles. Il y a peu d'apparence qu'ils ayent cru que le Roy d'Eſpagne petit fils du Roy, voulut au commencement de ſon regne acheter d'eux la paix a ce prix: Mais quand ces bruits ſeroient abſolument

of *Spain*, the moſt Chriſtian King's Grandſon, ſhould at the beginning of his Reign buy Peace of them at ſuch a Price. But tho' theſe Reports ſhould be abſolutely falſe; tho' it were true that no extraordinary Proviſion of Arms and Ammunition, nor any other Preparation for War was made in *Holland*; nay, though there were no Negotiation on Foot, for entring into new Alliances; yet it were impoſſible that the King of *Spain* ſhould with any Patience ſee the Towns of the *Low Countries* filled with thoſe Troops, whoſe Maſters will not acknowledge

lument faux; quand il le ſeroit qu'on fit aucun amas extra ordinaire d'armes et de munition, aucun preparatif en Hollande pour la guerre; quand meſme yl n'y auroit nulle negociation pour de nouvelles alliances, jl eſtoit impoſſible que le Roy d'Eſpagne viſt ſans peine les places des pays bas remplies de troupes dont les maitres ne veulent pas le reconnoitre pour Souverain legitime de ces meſmes places.

knowledge him as the Lawful Sovereign of those very Places.

The Refusal of my Lords the States-General, has therefore obliged him to apply himself to his most Christian Majesty, and to desire of him those Supplies which he has given him: But his Majesty declares, that after he has taken those Precautions, which are absolutely necessary to Establish the Lawful Authority of the King his Grandson, he is entirely disposed to agree immediately upon such Terms as may secure the Peace.

The Publick Tranquility therefore depends upon my Lords the

Le refus de Messieurs les Etats Generaux l'a donc oblige de s'adresser au Roy et de luy demander les secours que sa Majesté vient de luy donner; mais Elle declare qu'apres avoir pris les precautions absolument necessaires pour establir l'autorité legitime du Roy son petit Fils. Elle est entierement disposée a convenir incessament des moyens d'assurer la paix.

Ainsy la tranquilité publique depend de Mrs. les Etats Generaux; Elle

the States-General, which will be soon confirm'd, and render'd lasting, if 'tis true that they so earnestly desire it, as they testify in the last Memorial which the Earl of *Manchester*, the Ambassador of the King of *England*, has deliver'd in their behalf. If the Treaty of *Reswick*, hitherto punctually observ'd, is not sufficient to remove from them all occasion of Alarms, both with respect to their Security, and their Trade, the King desires that they would make new Propolsals to him, but withal such as are equitable, and such as his Majesty may fairly allow

Elle sera bien tost affermie pour long temps, s'il est vray qu'ils la desirent aussy ardamment qu'ils le temoignent dans le dernier memoire que le Comte de Manchester Ambassadeur du Roy d'Angleterre a remis de leur part. Si le traitté de Ryswick Ponctuellement observé jusqu'a present, ne suffit pas pour leur oster tout sujet d' allarmes & sur leur sureté & sur leur Commerce, se Roy veut bien qu'ils luy fassent de Nouvelles Propositions; Mais equitables & telles que sa Majesté les puisses admettre. Le Temps est precieux et Messieurs les Etats Generaux doivent eviter s'ils veulent sincerement

allow of. The Time is precious, and my Lords the States-General, if they are heartily desirous of Peace, ought to beware of giving any occasion to believe that under a pretended Appearance of a Negotiation, their real Intention is to obtain the delays which are necessary to prepare themselves for a War. The Constitution of their Government, the waiting for the Answers of the King of *England*, can be no hindrance to their explaining themselves. They must needs be inform'd of the Intentions of that Prince,

la paix, de laisser croire que sous vne feinte apparence de negotiation, leur veritable intention ne soit que d'obtenir les delays necessaires pour se preparer a la guerre. La Constitution de leur Gouvernement, l'attente des responses du Roy d'Angleterre, ne les Empeche plus de s'expliquer : ils doivent estre instruits des intentions de ce Prince ; ils doivent scauoir qu'il est porté a maintenir la paix puis qu'ils consent a son Ambassadeur les resolutions qu'ils prennent pour y parvenir.

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they muſt needs know that he is inclin'd to maintain the Peace, ſince they communicate to his Ambaſſador the Meaſures, which they take to obtain it.

His Majeſty being perſuaded that they are ſuch as are conformable to the Intereſt which they have in contributing to the Publick Repoſe, aſſures himſelf likewiſe that they will immediately declare themſelves in ſuch a manner, that all occaſion of Jealouſy being removed, he may continue to ſhew them upon all Occaſions the Tokens of that real

La Majeſté perſuadee qu'elles ſont conformes al' Intereſt qu'ils ont de contribuer au repos public, s' aſſeure auſſy que bientoſt ils s'expliqueront de maniere que tout ſujet de deffiance venant a ceſſer, Elle pourra continuer a leur donner en touttes occaſions des marques de l' eſtime et de l' affection veritable qu'elle a Toujours conſervée pour leur Republique.

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Eſteem and Affection which he has always born to their Republick.

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